

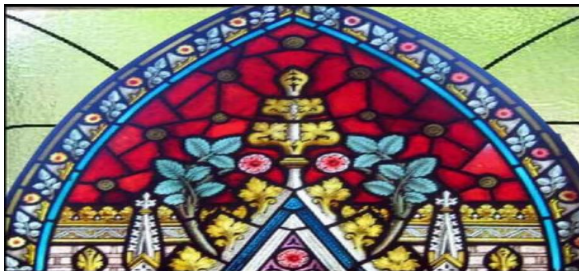


Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

October 2010 Newsletter

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Commitment Sunday

October 3 is the date when we will celebrate and install the current leaders of CCC. Whether you have served for 2 months or two years (or more), it is very important that you attend the 10am worship service. This is a significant Sunday to share together, whether we are serving CCC as a board or committee chair, a deacon or liturgist, or a supporter of our current leaders, - let's all show up to stand together on October 3!



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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Michael's Ordination



On Saturday, October 16th, Michael will be ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois-Wisconsin here at Community Christian Church. The ordination service will commence at 4pm.

Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate this special occasion in the life of our church, denomination and in Michael's ministry. Representatives from the University of Chicago, Disciples Divinity House, Community Christian Church, and the Illinois-Wisconsin Region will participate.

SAVE THESE DATES

October 3
Installation Sunday

October 16
Michael's Ordination

November 7
Installation Sunday

Nelson's Notes

Commitment

A new church year is underway at Community Christian Church. On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 10:00 a.m., our congregation, elected/appointed leadership and minister will affirm commitment to Christ's love and work. Every person's presence is vitally important. Come and share the joy!

What a grand time for our church...a time for each of us to rethink matters of importance and see opportunities worthy of all that we have to give...a church worthy of our gathering for worship together each Sunday...a church worthy of binging friends for the joy of it...and ultimately, a church worthy of serious commitment. The church is the earthly instrument of the kingdom of God. It is here that we see clearly the treasures we are to one another. It is here that we keep our hearts and minds stayed on God's loving care.

So many persons are working faithfully to build foundations upon which Christ's love can work miracles- in individuals, our church family, and in the world.

We don't have to change the world, just channel little miracles in our appointed steps- moment to moment. "Faithful in little, rulers in much" is God's reminder. Miracles spring from loving as God loves us, and that happens through commitment. Think carefully about the word. Commitment is critical for every person. It is the engine behind your strength to love God and others, and make things happen.

Shearson Lehman challenges us with these words: "Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality; it is the words that speak boldly of your intentions and action which speak louder than your words. Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism."

A final word: We do not build the kingdom of God, we enter it. The miracle of worship is that those who enter are not necessarily the same when they leave.

Welcome in the name of God who makes all things new...

*In Christ's Love ~
Nelson*

Please contact the minister
any time you feel it's necessary.

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October Sermons



October 3: Commitment Sunday

“It’s What You Say That Counts” Matthew 12:33-37

It’s what you do, not what you say, that matters. Right? Jesus says some surprising words about this. “By your words you will be justified. By your words you will be condemned.” We are challenged to think anew about what it means to break the silence with our words.

October 10: The Bible and Evil

“Is Anything Wrong Anymore?” Matthew 5:17-20

In the Sermon On The Mount, Jesus says: “Happy are those who have suffered persecution for the *cause of goodness*, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” The Bible takes evil very seriously, and recognizes the reality of evil in the human condition. Are there absolute truths, or in today’s world is everything relative? What does this mean to you?

October 17: The Bible and Evil II

“Is Anything Wrong Anymore?” Matthew 7:12-14

Does “Amazing Grace” render the 10 Commandments obsolete? In today’s politically correct culture, would Jesus smile with approval. Everything has changed since his earthly ministry. Or has it?

October 24: Guest Preacher, Katherine Raley

From University of Chicago Divinity School

October 31: Sabbath- the 4th Commandment

“The Holy Day” Genesis 2:1-3

“Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy.” God made this #4 in his 10 Commandments. Surely it is important, but stated before those addressing murder, adultery and coveting your neighbor’s wife? God wants us to take it very seriously. What is it we’re missing and need to learn?

In His Service This Month

Liturgists

10/3/2010	Susan
10/10/2010	Emma
10/17/2010	NEEDED
10/24/2010	Bev
10/31/2010	NEEDED

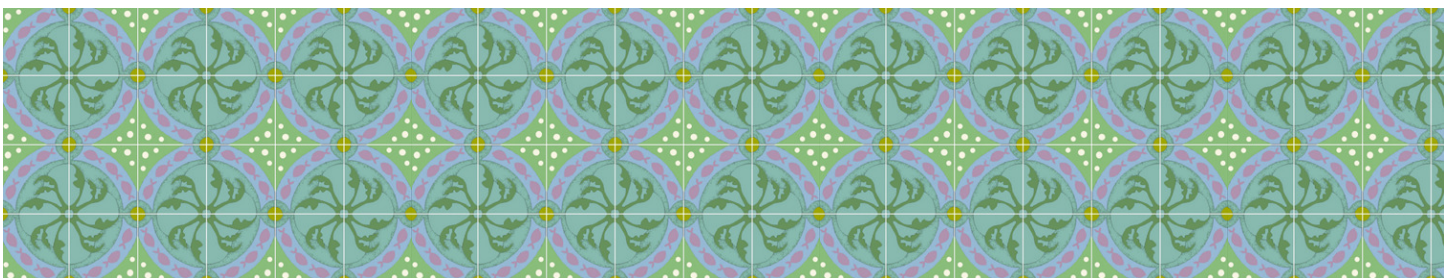
Elders

10/3/2010	Chris
10/10/2010	Lauren
10/17/2010	Judy
10/24/2010	Ann
10/31/2010	Andy

Deacons

10/3/2010	Kim Kevin Callum Ann
10/10/2010	Amy Emma Kevin Ruby Chuck Dannie Emily Patrick
10/17/2010	Sean Stacey Amy <u>NEEDED</u>
10/24/2010	John Susan Diane Stacey
10/31/2010	

If you are able to fill a needed position, or are not able to serve on your date, please find someone to replace you and inform the church secretary. Thank you!





Upcoming Events

- 10/2 Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 10/3 Commitment Sunday, 10am Worship Service
- 10/3 Ministries Council Meeting, 11:15am
- 10/3 Deacon's Meeting 11:30-11:45am
- 10/9 Women's Coffee Break, 8-10am at Einstein's
- 10/12 Garage Sale Meeting, 10am at Halvorsens
- 10/13 Soup Kitchen, 4-7:30pm
- 10/16 Ordination of Michael Swartzentruber, 4pm

Youth Activities are listed on page 5

Ongoing Events

- Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
- Café 920 - Sundays, 9:20am
- Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am-1pm
- Prayer Group - Tuesdays, 9am
- Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
- Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
- Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
- Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am



The next monthly CCC men's breakfast meeting will be Saturday, October 2, from 8-9am in Thompson Hall. We will be discussing the book Who You Are When No One's Looking by Bill Hybels. For the discussion, please read Chapter 1. As always, all are welcome even if you don't get a chance to do the reading assignment -- come for the company!

Books can be picked up and paid for in the church office.



Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate



Please come join the women of Community Christian Church on Saturday, October 9th. We will be meeting from 8-10am at Einstein Brothers Bagels on Milwaukee Road (in the same mall as Flatlanders). Come when you can. Leave when you need to. All you have to do is show up! Every woman is welcome to join us as we get to know each other better. In addition, we are looking for ideas for future gatherings that focus on our being Christian women at church and in the community.

August income ~ actual \$25,033
~ plan \$15,768

August expenses ~ actual \$13,309
~ plan \$20,849

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**YTD income** ~ actual \$171,843  
~ plan \$156,864

**YTD expenses** ~ actual \$120,523  
~ plan \$171,773

# CCC Youth Page

## CCC Youth Mission:

**"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment  
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."**

## ALIVE!

**5<sup>th</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS**

## REVIVE!

**9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**



### Great events for youth are planned for this month:

***Bring a friend and see what you have in common with other CCC youth!***

October will kickoff our Gather2Grow sessions, where the Alive and Revive groups will get together separately for activities that will be very rewarding for everyone involved. The sessions begin after the 10 am worship service and conclude by 12:30pm the first three Sundays each month. Food will not be served, but bringing your own snacks is encouraged!

Two very important events in October include Installation Sunday and Michael Swartzentruber's Ordination. Installation Sunday, October 3, will be a momentous day when leaders of CCC (including deacons and liturgists) will be installed to serve our church. Michael Swartzentruber's Ordination is on Saturday October 16 at 4pm. This is a rare occasion to be a part of an extraordinary event that will ordain Michael into a career of ministry.

**Treat yourself to the best thing you can give yourself...  
...Sunday at Community Christian Church with your friends in "Revive."**

### Here's the lineup every Sunday:

### October

**9:20**—Meet in youth room for wake-up and fellowship

**10:00—Worship** in the sanctuary.

Participate regularly, and volunteer to serve as a deacon and liturgist.  
(Ask Judy Mankus if you're interested)

**11:00**—Meet in youth room or meeting place to eat and hang out.

**11:30**—Gather2Grow...we'll give serious thought to important issues in your life, and growing an understanding of Jesus' life and teachings. This will begin in October.

**12:00**—Group games and fellowship.

**12:30**—Off to a new week!

|       |             |            |        |                      |
|-------|-------------|------------|--------|----------------------|
| 10/3  | 11:30am-1pm | Youth Room | Revive | Gather2Grow          |
|       | 11:30am-1pm | Attic      | Alive  | Gather2Grow          |
| 10/10 | 11:30am-1pm | Youth Room | Revive | Gather2Grow          |
|       | 11:30am-1pm | Attic      | Alive  | Gather2Grow          |
| 10/16 | 4pm         | Sanctuary  | Both   | Michael's Ordination |
| 10/17 | 11:30am-1pm | Youth Room | Revive | Gather2Grow          |
|       | 11:30am-1pm | Attic      | Alive  | Gather2Grow          |
| 10/24 | 11:30am-1pm |            | Both   | Outing               |
| 10/31 | 11:30am-1pm |            | Both   | Halloween Party      |

**Currently seeking ideas for Oct 24 & 31...  
...6 Flags/Fright Fest...Halloween Party...  
...What would YOU like to do?**

## *Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2010-2011*

# Test of Faith

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.

October – Ruth

November – Daniel

December – Christmas Dreams

January – Healing Miracles

February – Garden of Gethsemane

March – Doubting Thomas

April – Pentecost

May – Jonah

Cornerstones Curriculum

<http://www.cstones.com/>



## Sunday School Teachers Needed This Fall!

Please consider sharing your talents with the children of our church. If you like telling stories, cooking with kids, playing games or arts and crafts, we have a spot for you. Check out this year's schedule in the newsletter or on the Christian Education Board in Friendship Hall. If a story or month works (teaching is a 3 week commitment) out for you, sign up in Friendship Hall. We are always available to answer questions.

## Garage Sale Wrap-up Meeting October 12, 10am



Please attend this social gathering, a CCC tradition to celebrate the success of this year's Garage Sale and to discuss your ideas for next year's sale. Please bring a plate to share. We would like to see everyone who helped this year &/or who would be interested in assisting with the Garage Sale next year. Your RSVP is requested - let the church office know you will be attending.

## 2010 Directory



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# Garage Sale



# CCC Youth



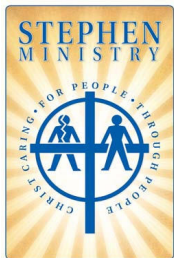
# Fall Work Day





## CCC Needs a Recycling Buddy!

Many of us are trying to reduce the amount of garbage we produce here at CCC. We have been recycling for awhile, but in order to also reduce the expenses of the church, we do not pay for a recycling program. Several people already are CCC recycling buddies, but we need at least one more to coordinate the recycling of the kitchen materials that are stored in the back closet in the Friendship Hall closet. If you would like to take on this cause, please take charge or contact the church office for more information.



## Do You Feel a Chill?

Yep, the days are getting shorter and the temperatures are heading down. We are checking our closets for warm pants, sweaters and gloves that match.

However, sometimes that chill is not caused by the diminishing sun but by the absence of the SON. If you are experiencing an emptiness caused by separation from our loving Lord, you may benefit from time with a Stephen Minister. Call the church office to arrange a meeting.

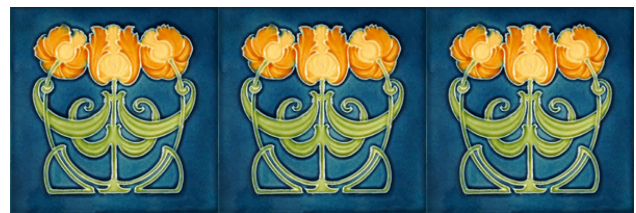


## A Service of Remembrance November 7th

Our Stephen Ministry Group along with Elders and the Fellowship Committee are planning a very special event for Sunday, November 7 at 4pm. A "Service of Remembrance" will be held to give each of us an opportunity to remember loved ones, family or friends, who have passed away. Each name will be mentioned as we celebrate their lives with music, poetry and prayers. Those honored need not be members of the church. This event promises to be most meaningful to all who attend.

The service will be followed by a Pot Luck dinner at 5pm. You will receive an Evite from the church office for the service and potluck, and there will also be a sign up sheet in Friendship Hall for the Pot Luck.

You may submit the name of the person you would like to remember and anything additional you would like said about them to the church. Please make plans to attend.



## **Save Your Coffee Tins**

Over 30 coffee cans will be needed for Cookie Sunday in January. We will be sending cookies to college students as part of CCC's birthday celebration. Please bring your cans in and place them in the kitchen. Thank you for your help!





## Learn More About the

# CCC Elders

Thank you so much from your CCC Elders. You have been in church...you have completed the Congregational Profile Surveys...you have shared your many gifts...you have prayed for CCC, the Pastoral Search Committee, the Elders and for each other. You have done so many things to help this congregation. Thank you! Now, more than ever, our support of this church and the functions of its committees is what will propel this church into the next phase of its leadership. Please continue your support, along with ours, for the Pastoral Search Committee in particular. This group of individuals, like the group before them need to hear our words of encouragement and to feel our arms of support. Thank you to them and thank you each one of YOU!!

## Giggles...

You know you're growing old when...

- You've come to the annoying realization that your parents were right about almost everything.
- The bag boy volunteers to help load groceries into your car...in the "ten items or less" lane.
- You've stopped supporting your children and started supporting your parents.
- You buy "age-defying" makeup and "anti-wrinkle" creams and believe they work.
- You've realized that all those geeky people in Bermuda shorts walking around Disney World include you.
- You've had three opportunities to buy every single Disney Animated Classic ... "for the last time in a generation"



*CCC youth and friends are always welcome at CAFÉ 920. Here's the history of how it came to be.*

On October 4, 2009, Community Christian Church opened CAFÉ 920, a place for youth to gather, fellowship with one another, and enjoy a hot beverage. As the name suggests, CAFÉ 920 opens at 9:20am every Sunday morning before the 10am worship service in the youth room (downstairs in Thompson Hall). The name also recalls an important verse in the gospel of Luke where Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

That question is an enduring aspect of our faith, stretching into our day and time. Who do we say that he is? CAFÉ 920 is designed to provide a comfortable, safe space where youth can converse about the shape of their daily lives while also exploring important questions of faith and meaning. This is not a structured, ordered space where conversations are programmed and answers outlined. Rather, CAFÉ 920 is an open, encouraging place fostering organic conversation and meaningful interaction.

Peter thought that he knew what it meant to call Jesus the "Christ of God." That was his quick response to Jesus' question. But, as the story unfolds, we discover that it was Peter who would deny Jesus, and Peter who would experience "Christ" not as an exalted name for a kingly political ruler, but as the name of one who would be hung on a cross. Only in the midst of that confusion would the power of God's love revitalize the name "Christ" through the reality of resurrection.

CAFÉ 920 was birthed from that important question posed to Peter and the disciples, but it also lives in the lessons learned from answers too quickly given. Who do we say that Jesus is? The Christ? In a relaxed environment, through talking to one another and enjoying fellowship, maybe we'll begin to taste what it means to call Jesus "the Christ."

# OCTOBER 2010

| Sun                                                                                                                        | Mon                                                                  | Tue                                        | Wed                                      | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                       |
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|                                                                                                                            |                                                                      |                                            |                                          |      | 1    | 2                         |
|                                                                                                                            |                                                                      |                                            |                                          |      |      | ■ 8a Men's Breakfast      |
| 3                                                                                                                          | 4                                                                    | 5                                          | 6                                        | 7    | 8    | 9                         |
| ■ Installation Sunday<br>■ 8a Worship<br>■ 9a Crossroads<br>■ 10a Worship<br>■ 11:30a Youth<br>■ 11:30a Ministries Council | ■ 7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH<br>■ 7p Troop 78-FH                            | ■ 9a Prayer Group<br>■ 7p Troop 78-FH      | ■ 7p Choir Practice                      |      |      | ■ 8a Women's Coffee Break |
| 10                                                                                                                         | 11                                                                   | 12                                         | 13                                       | 14   | 15   | 16                        |
| ■ 8a Worship<br>■ 9a Crossroads<br>■ 10a Worship<br>■ 11:30a Youth                                                         | ■ No School<br>■ Columbus Day<br>■ 6p Board<br>■ 7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH | ■ 9a Prayer Group<br>■ 7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH | ■ 4p Soup Kitchen<br>■ 7p Choir Practice |      |      | ■ 4p Michael's Ordination |
| 17                                                                                                                         | 18                                                                   | 19                                         | 20                                       | 21   | 22   | 23                        |
| ■ Stewardship Campaign (SC)<br>■ 8a Worship<br>■ 9a Crossroads<br>■ 10a Worship<br>■ 11:30a Youth                          | ■ SC<br>■ 7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH                                        | ■ SC<br>■ 9a Prayer Group                  | ■ SC<br>■ 7p Choir Practice              | ■ SC | ■ SC | ■ SC                      |
| 24                                                                                                                         | 25                                                                   | 26                                         | 27                                       | 28   | 29   | 30                        |
| ■ SC<br>■ 8a Worship<br>■ 9a Crossroads<br>■ 10a Worship<br>■ 11:30a Youth                                                 | ■ SC<br>■ 7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH                                        | ■ SC<br>■ 9a Prayer Group                  | ■ SC<br>■ 7p Choir Practice              | ■ SC | ■ SC | ■ SC                      |
| 31                                                                                                                         |                                                                      |                                            |                                          |      |      |                           |
| ■ SC<br>■ 8a Worship<br>■ 9a Crossroads<br>■ 10a Worship<br>■ 11:30a Halloween Party                                       |                                                                      |                                            |                                          |      |      |                           |